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INTRODUCTION

The Galloway Family Papers, 1832-1889, were a gift from Mr. O. M. Estes of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The collection is centered around Benjamin A. Galloway (1805-1872) and his family of Weakley County, Tennessee. The collection consists of 84 items, which are mainly correspondences and occupies .42 linear feet of shelf space. There are no restrictions on this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Galloway Family Papers, containing approximately 84 items, span the years 1832-1889 and consists of accounts, correspondence, poetry, school records, sketches, songs, and speeches.

The collection is composed primarily of correspondence addressed to Benjamin A. Galloway (1800-1872) and his wife Phebe (1806-1872) and family of Weakley County, Tennessee from their children, relatives and friends. A son, Benjamin F. Galloway (1845-1872), served on the Union side during the Civil War in "L" Company, 6th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment.

The bulk of the letters reflect daily concerns: hard times, weather, crops, and pests, prices of goods bought and crops sold, accidents, ailments and their remedies, births, marriages, and deaths. Some letters express strong religious views and describes church and Sunday school, camp meetings and thoughts on the well-digging and wages. One letter by W.R. Speight tells of the apprehension of a horse thief and an accidental killing.

Letters written during the Civil War years discuss civil unrest in Missouri, looting and ill-treatment of women, refugees in Arkansas, stealing of Negroes by Kansas Jayhawkers, the Wilson Creek campaign, lawlessness and killings, Ku Klux Klan activities, a dinner party with a discharged Union soldier and return of "rebels."

The collection contains a copy of Governor Newton Cannon's message to the Tennessee State Legislature on October 2, 1837.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Benjamin A. Galloway (1800-1872) was married to Phebe (1806-1872) and they resided in Weakley County, Tennessee with their children. Their son, Benjamin F. Galloway (1845-1872), served on the Union side during the Civil War in "L" Company, 6th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment.

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